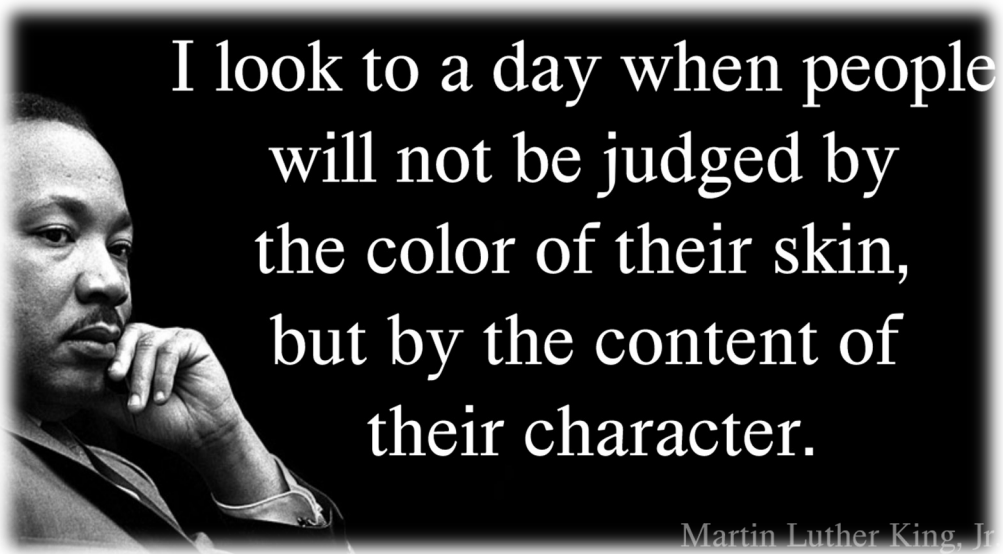


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# Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr., (January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968) was born Michael Luther King, Jr., but later had his name changed to Martin. His grandfather began the family's long tenure as pastors of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, serving from 1914 to 1931; his father has served from then until the present, and from 1960 until his death Martin Luther acted as co-pastor. Martin Luther attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the age of fifteen; he received the B. A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College, a distinguished Negro institution of Atlanta from which both his father and grandfather had graduated. After three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class, he was awarded the B.D. in 1951. With a fellowship won at Crozer, he enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving the degree in 1955. In Boston he met and married Coretta Scott, a young woman of uncommon intellectual and artistic attainments. Two sons and two daughters were born into the family.

In 1954, Martin Luther King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Always a strong worker for civil rights for members of his race, King was, by this time, a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the leading organization of its kind in the nation. He was ready, then, early in December, 1955, to accept the leadership of the first great Negro nonviolent demonstration of contemporary times in the United States, the bus boycott described by Gunnar Jahn in his presentation speech in honor of the laureate. The boycott lasted 382 days. On December 21, 1956, after the Supreme Court of the United States had declared unconstitutional the laws requiring segregation on buses, Negroes and whites rode the buses as equals. During these days of boycott, King was arrested, his home was bombed, he was subjected to personal abuse, but at the same time he emerged as a Negro leader of the first rank.

In 1957 he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement. The ideals for this organization he took

from Christianity; its operational techniques from Gandhi. In the eleven-year period between 1957 and 1968, King travelled over six million miles and spoke over twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice, action; and wrote five numerous these years, he protest in Alabama, that attention of the providing what coalition of conscience. and inspiring his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail", a manifesto of the Negro revolution; he planned the drives in Alabama for the registration of Negroes as voters; he directed the peaceful march on Washington, D.C., of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his address, "I Have a Dream", he conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson; he was arrested upwards of twenty times and assaulted at least four times; he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by *Time* magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of American blacks but also a world figure.



protest, and meanwhile he books as well as articles. In led a massive Birmingham, caught the entire world, he called a

At the age of thirty-five, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement.



On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated.

## **HJS MOST IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS**

In **1955**, he was recruited to serve as spokesman for the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which was a campaign by the African-American population of Montgomery, Alabama to force integration of the city's bus lines. After 381 days of nearly universal participation by citizens of the black community, many of whom had to walk miles to work each day as a result, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation in transportation was unconstitutional.

In **1957**, Dr. King was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), an organization designed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement. He would serve as head of the SCLC until his assassination in 1968, a period during which he would emerge as the most important social leader of the modern American civil rights movement.

In **1963**, he led a coalition of numerous civil rights groups in a nonviolent campaign aimed at Birmingham, Alabama, which at the time was described as the "most segregated city in America." The subsequent brutality of the city's police, illustrated most vividly by television images of young blacks being assaulted by dogs and water hoses, led to a national outrage resulting in a push for unprecedented civil rights legislation. It was during this campaign that Dr. King drafted the "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," the manifesto of Dr. King's philosophy and tactics, which is today required-reading in universities worldwide.

Later in **1963**, Dr. King was one of the driving forces behind the March for Jobs and Freedom, more commonly known as the "March on Washington," which drew over a quarter-million people to the national mall. It was at this march that Dr. King delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, which cemented his status as a social change leader and helped inspire the nation to act on civil rights. Dr. King was later named Time magazine's "Man of the Year."





In **1964**, at 35 years old, Martin Luther King, Jr. became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize. His acceptance speech in Oslo is thought by many to be among the

most powerful remarks ever delivered at the event, climaxing at one point with the oft-quoted phrase "I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant."

Also in **1964**, partly due to the March on Washington, Congress passed the landmark Civil Rights Act, essentially eliminating legalized racial segregation in the United States. The legislation made it illegal to discriminate against blacks or other minorities in hiring, public accommodations, education or transportation, areas which at the time were still very segregated in many places.

The next year, **1965**, Congress went on to pass the Voting Rights Act, which was an equally-important set of laws that eliminated the remaining barriers to voting for African-Americans, who in some locales had been almost completely disenfranchised. This legislation resulted directly from the Selma to Montgomery, AL March for Voting Rights lead by Dr. King.

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## March on Washington



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The March on Washington was a massive protest march that occurred in August 1963, when some 250,000 people gathered in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. Also known as the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, the event aimed to draw attention to continuing challenges and inequalities faced by African Americans a century after emancipation. It was also the occasion of Martin Luther King Jr.'s now-iconic **"I Have a Dream"** speech.



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# "I Have a Dream" speech

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I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity.

But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself in exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize a shameful condition.

In a sense we've come to our nation's Capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir.

This note was a promise that all men, yes, Black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of colour are concerned. Instead of honouring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check; a check which has come back marked "insufficient funds."

But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check—a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice.



We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quick sands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. Nineteen sixty-three is not an end, but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. There will be neither rest nor tranquillity in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force.

The marvellous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. And they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone.

And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?"

We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality.

We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities.

We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one.

We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their selfhood and robbed of their dignity by signs stating "for whites only."

We cannot be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote.

No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to South Carolina, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair.

I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, that one day right down in Alabama little Black boys and Black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted [sic], every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I will go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

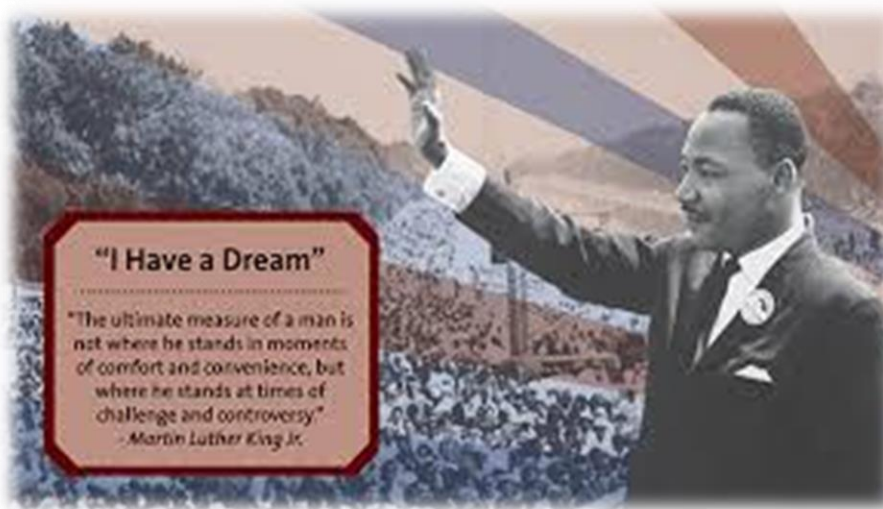
This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning, "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania. Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California. But not only that; let freedom ring from the Stone Mountain of Georgia. Let freedom



ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee. Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, and when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, Black men and white men, Jews and gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"



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# Quintessential Quotable

## QUOTES

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To commemorate the great Martin Luther King this January we've assembled all of his most notable quotes. We've curated MLK's quotes into categories to help you find the quote you need, for when you need it to express your unique message. By using his words, you help keep his vision alive.

Beyond being a champion of human rights and a leader of men, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) was extraordinarily eloquent with words. His speeches, interviews, and texts are a well of **deep and meaningful quotes** that can serve to motivate and inspire us all. This article brings you the **most famous Martin Luther King quotes**.

Any of the **Martin Luther King best quotes of all time** is set to inspire, encourage, and deeply move anyone. His words will no doubt guide your readers or listeners to a righteous path and help you compel them towards committed action.

### **Martin Luther King hope quotes**

1. "We've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now because I've been to the mountaintop... I've looked over, and I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

2. "We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

3. "Let us all hope that the dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away, and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities, and in some not-too-distant tomorrow, the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

## Martin Luther King Jr. inspirational quotes

Martin Luther King Jr. was a man unwavering in his belief that doing your best, and small acts of courage are the way forward. Some of his most inspirational quotes reflect that, so make them part of your own personal code. Let them inspire your readers or listeners to take action and do what they can – no matter how small – to promote your cause.

1. “We’ve got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn’t matter with me now because I’ve been to the mountaintop... I’ve looked over, and I’ve seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land.”

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

2. “If you can’t fly — then run. If you can’t run — then walk. If you can’t walk — then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.”

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

4. “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

5. “I came to the conclusion that there is an existential moment in your life when you must decide to speak for yourself; nobody else can speak for you.”

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*





## Martin Luther King quotes on courage

Courage isn't being unafraid; it's directly facing your fears and doing what's right in spite of them. MLK approached it this way, and so should you. Use these quotes to encourage people who may feel paralyzed in the face of uncertainty, anxiety, or worry. These quotes will remind them to take that step forward anyways.

1. "There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

2. "Courage is an inner resolution to go forward despite obstacles. Cowardice is submissive surrender to circumstances. Courage breeds creativity; Cowardice represses fear and is mastered by it. Cowardice asks the question, is it safe? Expediency asks the question, is it politic? Vanity asks the question, is it popular? But conscience asks the question, is it right?"

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

3. "Courage is the power of the mind to overcome fear."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

4. "Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

5. "We cannot walk alone. And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

6. "Never, never be afraid to do what's right – especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the ones we inflict on our soul when we look the other way."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

## Martin Luther King quotes on life

There's something that unites most of these quotes together: the idea that we're interconnected, that service to one is service to all. Always seek to live with the same attitude in mind. Today and every day, look for ways to be a helper in the world. You never truly realize how big of an impact it will make.

1. "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

2. "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

3. "God never intended for one group of people to live in superfluous, inordinate wealth, while others live in abject, deadening poverty."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

4. "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

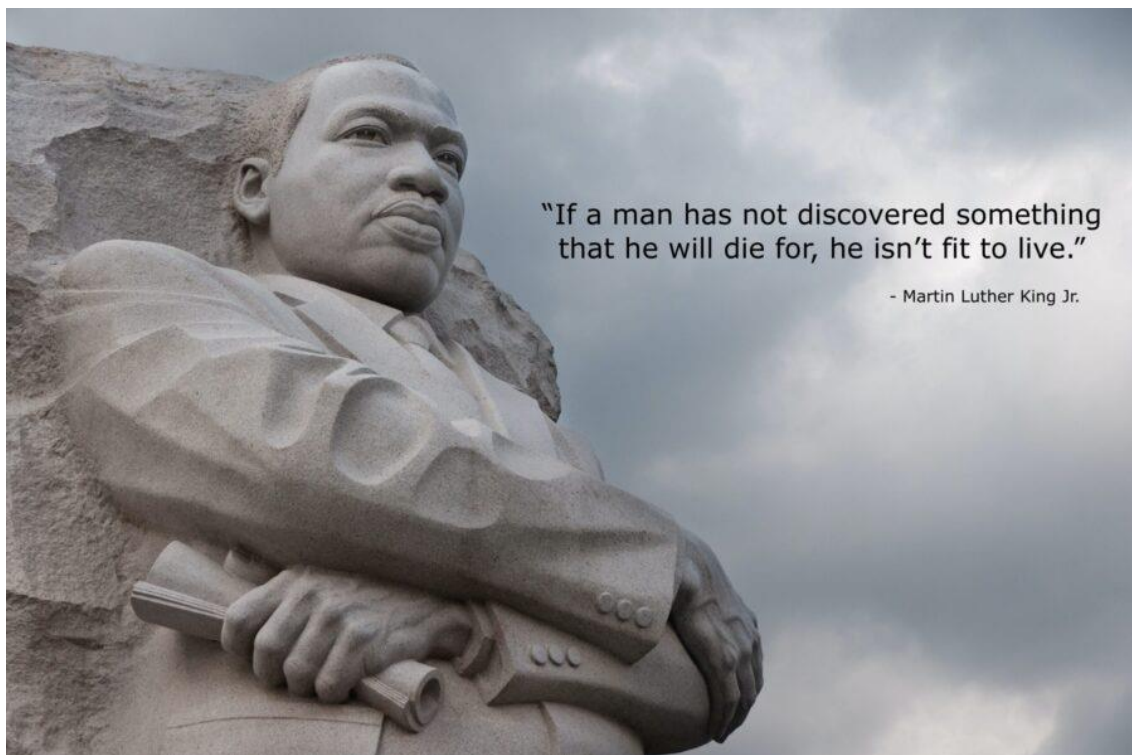
– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

5. "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

6. "If a man has not discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*



## Martin Luther King quotes on racism

MLK's thoughts on racism often echoed a note of hopefulness about the future while still expressing deep disappointment about the reality of the racial issues around him. We should strive to do the same.

Feel free to celebrate how far we've come but don't forget to recognize there's still a remarkably long way to go – and beyond this, put in the effort to get there.

Use these quotes on racism to inspire others to commit to doing the hard work of unlearning wrong attitudes and stereotypes and actively fighting against racism.

1. "The price that America must pay for the continued oppression of the Negro and other minority groups is the price of its own destruction."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

2. "Whites, it must frankly be said, are not putting in a similar mass effort to reeducate themselves out of their racial ignorance. It is an aspect of their sense of superiority that the white people of America believe they have so little to learn.

The reality of substantial investment to assist Negroes into the twentieth century, adjusting to Negro neighbors and genuine school integration, is still a nightmare for all too many white Americans... These are the deepest causes for contemporary abrasions between the races."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

3. "We must see now that the evils of racism, economic exploitation, and militarism are all tied together. And you can't get rid of one without getting rid of the other."

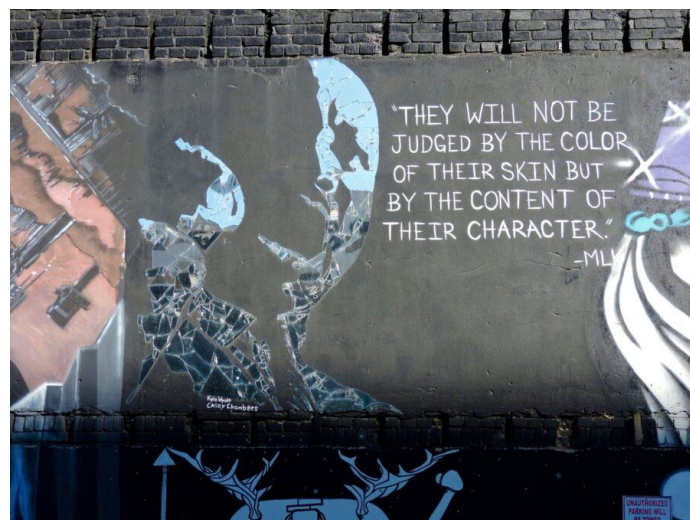
– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

5. "I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality.... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

6. "They will not be judged by the color of there skin but the content of their character"

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*





## Martin Luther King quotes on love

Direct discussions about love weren't really the reverend's primary focus, but his feelings are still apparent. He felt that love was always the better way to win the hearts and minds of America, and we would be wise to take a leaf out of his book.

Love doesn't mean letting others walk on you or making excuses for bad behavior, though. It means wanting better for us all, loving people enough to hold them accountable, and loving ourselves enough to do just the same.

Use these quotes to remind people that love and caring is the only way to build bridges between groups and factions and create a nation.

1. "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend."

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

2. "I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant."

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

3. "There can be no deep disappointment where there is not deep love."

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

4. "We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies."

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

5. "He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love."

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

## Martin Luther King quotes on progress

King's words on progress hammer one main point, that actual change and equality only happen through convictions and action. As Elie Wiesel once said, "We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."

Resting on our laurels, staying silent in the face of injustice, or attempting to stay out of hard discussions only ensures racism will remain alive and well for the rest of our days.

King also makes it clear that. progress is a gradual thing. And sometimes you gain ground only to lose more soon after. So progress should be played as a long game, on all fronts, till the roots of prejudices are finally eradicated.

Use these quotes when you want to remind people that doing nothing to stop injustice is actively allowing it to happen. Neutrality is not an option. Use them also to inspire patience and bring people to take the long road of gradual but constant change.

1. “Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.”

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

2. “Law and order exist for the purpose of establishing justice, and when they fail in this purpose, they become the dangerously structured dams that block the flow of social progress.”

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

3. “All progress is precarious, and the solution of one problem brings us face to face with another problem.”

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

4. “I feel that the time is always right to do what is right. Where progress for the Negro in America is concerned, there is a tragic misconception of time among whites. They seem to cherish a strange, irrational notion that something in the very flow of time will cure all ills.”

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

5. “The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined nonconformists, who are dedicated to justice, peace, and brotherhood. The trailblazers in human, academic, scientific, and religious freedom have always been nonconformists. In any cause that concerns the progress of mankind, put your faith in the nonconformist!”

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

## **Martin Luther King quotes on non-violence**

Contrary to popular belief, MLK's opinion about violence was complex and nuanced. He never automatically condemned the people behind it, understanding that violence was a symptom of and reaction to horrible, unjust treatment.

He then recognized – unlike many of us today – that it can be regarded as problematic, ineffectual, and something to be avoided without blindly damning the people who engage in it. Let us attempt to see it in the same light while advocating for non-violence as the ideal way forward

1. "I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

2. "Non-violence is absolute commitment to the way of love. Love is not emotional bash; it is not empty sentimentalism. It is the active outpouring of one's whole being into the being of another."-

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

3. "Nonviolent action, the Negro saw, was the way to supplement, not replace, the progress of change. It was the way to divest himself of passivity without arraying himself in vindictive force."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

4. "We who engage in nonviolent direct action are not the creators of tension. We merely bring to the surface the hidden tension that is already alive."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

5. "Non-violence is a powerful and just weapon. Indeed, it is a weapon unique in history, which cuts without wounding and ennobles the man who wields it."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

6. "A riot is the language of the unheard. And what is it that America has failed to hear? ...That the plight of the Negro poor has worsened over the last few years. It has failed to hear that the promises of freedom and justice have not been met.

And it has failed to hear that large segments of white society are more concerned about tranquility and the status quo than about justice, equality, and humanity...

And as long as America postpones justice, we stand in the position of having these recurrences of violence and riots over and over again. Social justice and progress are the absolute guarantors of riot prevention."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

## **Martin Luther King quotes on peaceful protest**

While we often see peace as our end goal, as a destination we'll eventually reach with enough time and action, MLK reminds us that it's also a journey itself.

Peace begets peace. Use these quotes to convince people that if they want a peaceful world, they must commit to spreading around that same energy, and approach all things with the care and attention they deserve.



1. “We will not build a peaceful world by following a negative path. It is not enough to say, ‘We must not wage war.’ It is necessary to love peace and sacrifice for it. We must concentrate not merely on the negative expulsion of war, but on the positive affirmation of peace.”

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

2. “In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline.”

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

3. “Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek but means by which we arrive at that goal.”

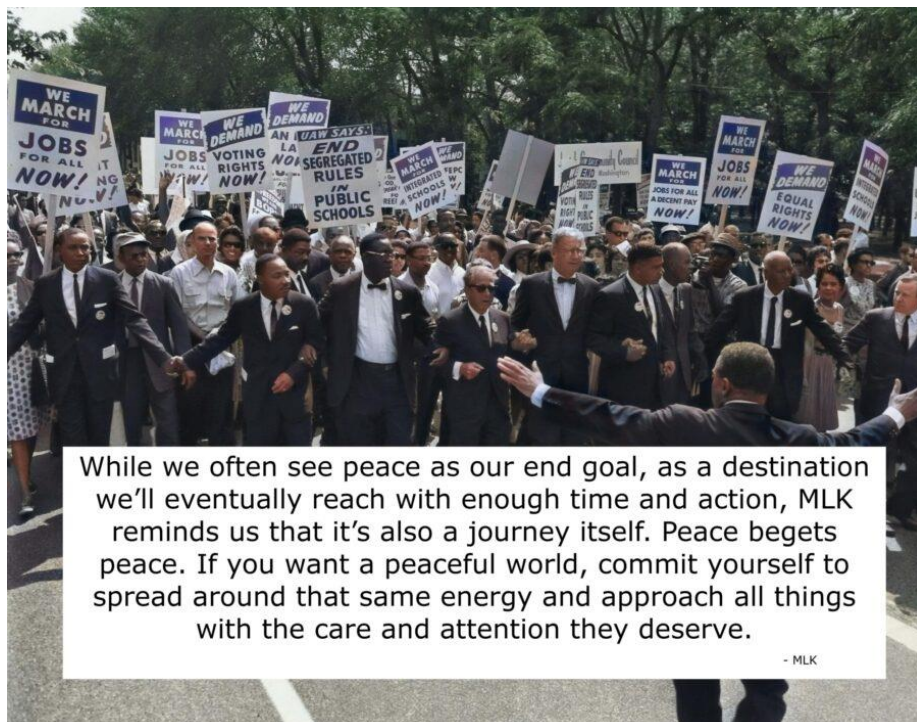
– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

4. “The only weapon that we have in our hands this evening is the weapon of protest.”

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

5. While we often see peace as our end goal, as a destination we’ll eventually reach with enough time and action, MLK reminds us that it’s also a journey itself. Peace begets peace. If you want a peaceful world, commit yourself to spread around that same energy and approach all things with the care and attention they deserve.

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- MLK

## Martin Luther King quotes on freedom

Like many of Martin Luther King's other famous quotes, his well-known words on freedom and also integrally bound up with hope. The end message is that freedom *will* ring for us all.

It's not an easy road by any means, but one that is accomplishable as long as we demand it together. Use these quotes to remind your listeners of the great human goal of achieving freedom even in their darkest hours.

1. "A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

2. "Whatever your life's work is, do it well. A man should do his job so well that the living, the dead, and the unborn could do it no better."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

3. "Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

4. "We need leaders not in love with money but in love with justice – not in love with publicity but in love with humanity."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

5. Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace – a soul generated by love."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

## Martin Luther King hate quotes

Hate in any capacity was antithetical to MLK and his message, and we'd be remiss not to make that true for ourselves, too. Be angry at people and situations, feel irritation, dislike things – that's only human.

Uses these quotes to encourage people to rise above hate whenever possible and embrace love instead. They'll get further in the long run, and their life will be far better without hate's inky blackness residing in their heart.

1. "Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

2. "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

3. "Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. **Darkness cannot drive out darkness**; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

4. "Let no man pull you low enough to hate him."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

5. "So, the question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be. Will we be extremists for hate or for love? Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice or for the extension of justice?"

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

## "I have a dream" speech quotes

Many of Dr. King's most memorable quotes come from his profound "I have a dream" speech. Martin Luther King Jr. gave this speech in the summer of 1963 in Washington DC at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial in front of a large audience of civil rights protesters. This speech came to be most often connected to his character, vision, and deep caring for humanity, because of its clear humanistic, universalistic, and liberal message.

In his speech, Dr. King talks about the struggle to end discrimination against the black population in America, but he does so in the scope of his vision for a better future for all people and for America as a nation. His words connect the civil rights movement's demands with the founding ideals of the USA of equality before the law. He also makes sure to denounce the use of violence for achieving political change. In his speech, MLK attempts to convince his listeners not to yield to hatred, knowing that the only way to maintain his vision of equality is by building on a foundation of love and brotherhood among all people.

We feel confident you will find the right quote within this well of wisdom and goodwill.

1. I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

*Martin Luther King Jr. – "I have a dream" speech, 1963*

2. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'we hold these truths to be self-evident – that all men are created equal'.

*Martin Luther King Jr. – "I have a dream" speech, 1963*

3. I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain and the crooked places will be made straight and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

*Martin Luther King Jr. – “I have a dream” speech, 1963*

4. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence.

*Martin Luther King Jr. – “I have a dream” speech, 1963*

5. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood.

*Martin Luther King Jr. – “I have a dream” speech, 1963*

6. In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

*Martin Luther King Jr. – “I have a dream” speech, 1963*

7. We will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope.

*Martin Luther King Jr. – “I have a dream” speech, 1963*

8. We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro’s basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one.

*Martin Luther King Jr. – “I have a dream” speech, 1963*

## **Letter from Birmingham jail quotes**

Martin Luther King’s letter from Birmingham Jail is a powerful document, a major testament to the activist’s depth that’s too often looked over in favor of his more feel-good and unchallenging statements.

It’s both a serious order and warning to remember that lawfulness does not equal goodness, order does not equal justice, and that true advocacy is not that which begs for time and convenience. Remind your readers to heed this, and the world will be a far more moral world than it is today.

1. “I have been gravely disappointed with the white moderate. I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro’s great stumbling block in his stride toward freedom is not the white citizen’s councilor or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate, who is more devoted to “order” than to justice... who constantly says: “I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I cannot agree with your methods of direct action”; who paternalistically believes he can set the timetable for another man’s freedom; who lives by a mythical concept of time and who constantly advises the Negro to wait for a “more convenient season.”



– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

2. “One has not only a legal, but a moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws.”

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

3. “Over the last few years, I have consistently preached that non-violence demands that the means we use must be as pure as the ends we seek. So, I have tried to make it clear that it is wrong to use immoral means to attain moral ends. But now I must affirm that it is just as wrong, or even more, to use moral means to preserve immoral ends.”

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

4. “For years now, I have heard the word “Wait!” It rings in the ear of every Negro with piercing familiarity. This “Wait” has almost always meant “Never.” We must come to see, with one of our distinguished jurists, that “justice too long delayed is justice denied.”

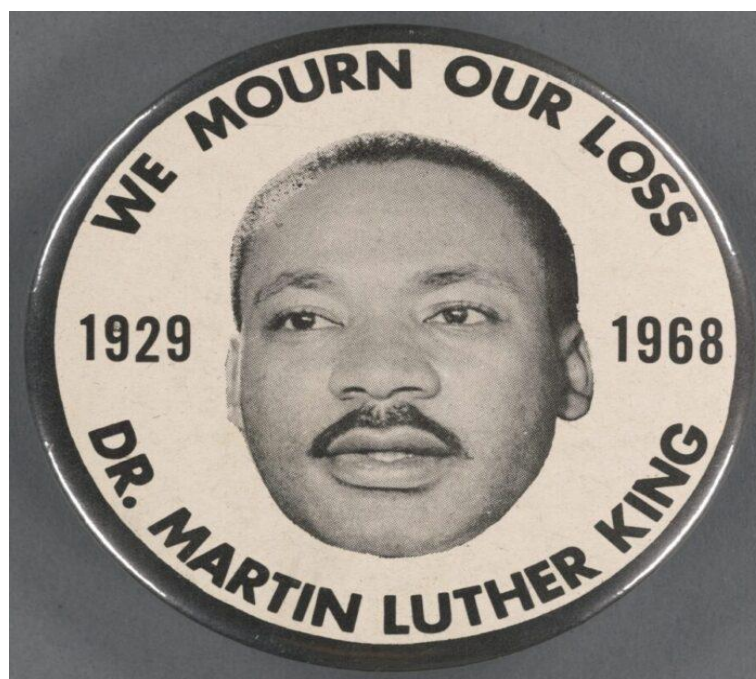
– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

5. “Shallow understanding from people of goodwill is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright rejection.”

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

6. “Justice too long delayed is justice denied.”

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*



## Martin Luther King quotes on equality

We've come a long way in the fight for equal rights, but we've still got a long road ahead of us. And until all of us are free, none of us are (a statement of truth echoed by MLK time and time again).

Use these quotes to let your readers hold onto that and let it guide their interactions going forward. May they treat others the way they want to be treated and constantly work for the betterment of all, not just themselves, for we're all connected.

1. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

2. "The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people, but the silence over that by the good people."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

3. "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

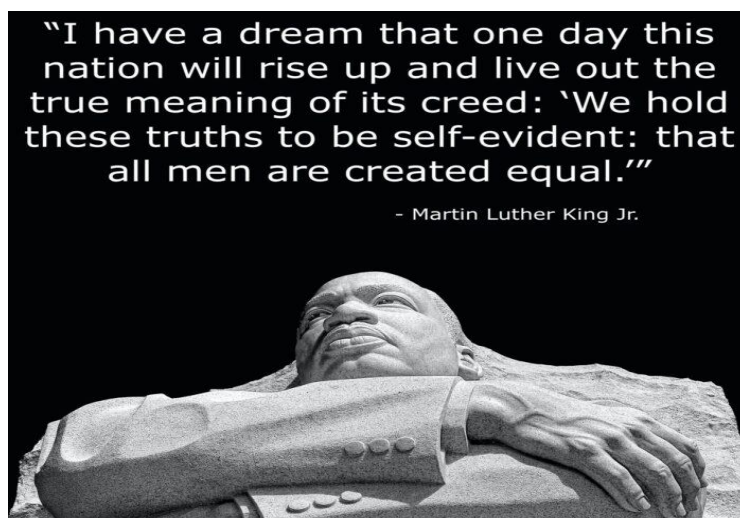
– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

4. "Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a greater person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

5. "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.'"

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*



# Memorials

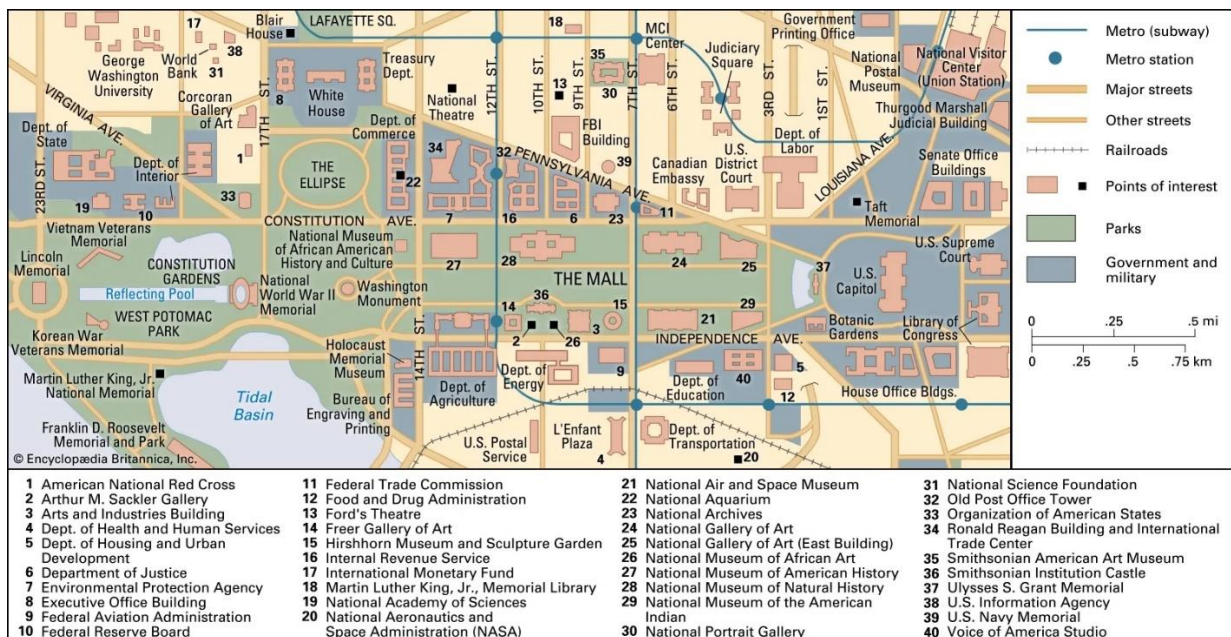
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## A Stone of Hope

Located in downtown Washington, DC, the memorial honours Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy and the struggle for freedom, equality, and justice. A prominent leader in the modern civil rights movement, Dr King was a tireless advocate for racial equality, working class, and the oppressed around the world.



Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial, Washington, D.C.



Map of the National Mall

**Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial**, monument built between 2009 and 2011 in [Washington, D.C.](#), honouring the American Baptist minister, social activist, and [Nobel Peace Prize](#) winner [Martin Luther King, Jr.](#), who led the [civil rights movement](#) in the [United States](#) from the mid-1950s until his death by assassination in 1968. The monument is located along the west bank of the Tidal [Basin](#), near the [Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial](#) and not far from the [Lincoln Memorial](#), from which King delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech during the [March on Washington](#) in August 1963.

The design for the monument—by the Roma Design Group, from suggestions by historian Clayborne Carson, the editor and publisher of King’s papers—was chosen from more than 900 design submissions from dozens of countries. The entry portal to the memorial is framed by two towering mounds of pink granite, “The Mountain of Despair.” Out of them (when viewed from the entrance to the memorial) a huge slab, “The Stone of Hope,” thrusts into an open plaza on the Tidal Basin.

The words “Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope,” taken from the “Dream” speech, are inscribed on one side of the stone. The words “I was a drum major for [justice](#), peace and righteousness,” were originally inscribed on the other side. However, in response to protest over what some saw as a sense of self-aggrandizement conveyed by this paraphrase of a statement King once made about himself, it was decided in 2012 to change the inscription to more accurately represent King’s full statement: “If you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice. Say that I was a drum major for peace. I was a drum major for righteousness.” Emerging from the front of the stone, facing the [Jefferson Memorial](#) across the basin, is a 30-foot (9-metre) likeness of King by Chinese sculptor Lei Yixin. Arcing from the portal around the memorial’s plaza is a 450-foot (137-metre) crescent-shaped wall on which are emblazoned 14 quotations from King on the themes of justice, [democracy](#), love, and hope. Cherry trees and crape myrtle bushes add to the design, which was [implemented](#) by the project’s executive architect, Ed Jackson, Jr.

The memorial, built at a cost of about \$120 million (raised through donations by individuals, organizations, and corporations), was officially opened to the public in August 2011. It was the first monument on [the Mall](#) or in its associated memorial parks to be dedicated to an African American. The effort to establish the memorial was initiated in the 1980s by Alpha Phi Alpha, a historically black fraternity, and in 1996 Pres. [Bill Clinton](#) signed congressional legislation authorizing the establishment of the memorial. The memorial’s official address, 1964 Independence Avenue, [alludes](#) to the landmark [1964 Civil Rights Act](#).





Surrounding the statue of Dr King is a 450-foot long Inscription Wall, which features 14 quotes from King's speeches, sermons and writings. Inscriptions were chosen by a special "Council of Historians," which included Maya Angelou and Henry Louis Gates. Quotes were chosen with Dr King's four main principles in mind:  
**JUSTICE, DEMOCRACY, HOPE AND LOVE.**

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# Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library

<https://www.dclibrary.org/plan-visit/martin-luther-king-jr-memorial-library>

Named after one of the nation's most prominent civil rights leaders, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library is the central location offering a wide range of opportunities and services.



Address: 901 G St. NW, Washington, DC 20001

## Hours

**Sunday:** 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

**Monday:** 9:30 am-9:00 pm

**Tuesday:** 9:30 am-9:00 pm

**Wednesday:** 9:30 am-9:00 pm

**Thursday:** 9:30 am-9:00 pm

**Friday:** 9:30 am-5:30 pm

**Saturday:** 9:30 am-5:30 pm





# Timeline

## Martin Luther King, Jr

<b>1929</b>	Born at noon on January 15, 1929
	Parents: The Reverend and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr.
	Home: 501 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta Georgia
<b>1944</b>	Graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and was admitted to Morehouse College at age 15.
<b>1948</b>	Graduates from Morehouse College and enters Crozer Theological Seminary.
	Ordained to the Baptist ministry, February 25, 1948, at age 19.
<b>1951</b>	Enters Boston University for graduate studies.
<b>1953</b>	Marries Coretta Scott and settles in Montgomery, Alabama.
<b>1955</b>	Received Doctorate of Philosophy in Systematic Theology from Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts on June 5, 1955
	Dissertation Title: A Comparison of the Conception of God in the Thinking of Paul Tillich and Henry Nelson Weiman.
	Joins the bus boycott after Rosa Parks was arrested on December 1. On December 5, he is elected president of the Montgomery Improvement Association, making him the official spokesperson for the boycott.
<b>1956</b>	On November 13, the Supreme Court rules that bus segregation is illegal, ensuring victory for the boycott.
<b>1957</b>	King forms the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to fight segregation and achieve civil rights. On May 17, Dr. King speaks to a crowd of 15,000 in Washington, D.C.
<b>1958</b>	The U.S. Congress passed the first Civil Rights Act since reconstruction.



	King's first book, <i>Stride Toward Freedom</i> , is published.
	On a speaking tour, Martin Luther King, Jr. is nearly killed when stabbed by an assailant in Harlem.
	Met with President Dwight D. Eisenhower, along with Roy Wilkins, A. Philip Randolph, and Lester Grange on problems affecting black Americans.
<b>1959</b>	Visited India to study Mohandas Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence.
	Resigns as pastor from the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church to concentrate on civil rights full time.
	He moves to Atlanta to direct the activities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.
<b>1960</b>	Becomes co-pastor with his father at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.
	Lunch counter sit-ins began in Greensboro, North Carolina.
	In Atlanta, King is arrested during a sit-in waiting to be served at a restaurant. He is sentenced to four months in jail, but after intervention by John Kennedy and Robert Kennedy, he is released.
	Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee founded to coordinate protests at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina.
<b>1961</b>	In November, the Interstate Commerce Commission bans segregation in interstate travel due to work of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Freedom Riders.
	Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) began first Freedom Ride through the South, in a Greyhound bus, after the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed segregation in interstate transportation.
<b>1962</b>	During the unsuccessful Albany, Georgia movement, King is arrested on July 27 and jailed.
<b>1963</b>	On Good Friday, April 12, King is arrested with Ralph Abernathy by Police Commissioner Eugene "Bull" Connor for demonstrating without a permit.
	On April 13, the Birmingham campaign is launched. This would prove to be the turning point in the war to end segregation in the South.
	During the eleven days he spent in jail, MLK writes his famous Letter from a Birmingham Jail.

	On May 10, the Birmingham Agreement is announced. The stores, restaurants, and schools will be desegregated, hiring of blacks implemented, and charges dropped.
	June 23, MLK leads 125,000 people on a Freedom Walk in Detroit.
	August 28, the March on Washington becomes the largest civil rights demonstration in history with nearly 250,000 people in attendance and King makes his famous I Have a Dream speech.
	On November 22, President Kennedy is assassinated.
<b>1964</b>	On January 3, King appears on the cover of Time magazine as its Man of the Year.
	King attends the signing ceremony of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 at the White House on July 2.
	During the summer, King experiences his first hurtful rejection by black people when he is stoned by Black Muslims in Harlem.
	King is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize on December 10. Dr. King is the youngest person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize at age 35.
<b>1965</b>	On February 2, King is arrested in Selma, Alabama during a voting rights demonstration.
	After President Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act into law, Martin Luther King, Jr. turns to socioeconomic problems.
<b>1966</b>	On January 22, King moves into a Chicago slum tenement to attract attention to the living condition of the poor.
	In June, King and others begin the March Against Fear through the South.
	On July 10, King initiates a campaign to end discrimination in housing, employment, and schools in Chicago.
<b>1967</b>	The Supreme Court upholds a conviction of MLK by a Birmingham court for demonstrating without a permit. King spends four days in a Birmingham jail.
	On November 27, King announces the inception of the Poor People's Campaign focusing on jobs and freedom for the poor of all races.
	Dr. King marches in support of sanitation workers on strike in Memphis, Tennessee.

	On March 28, King leads a march that turns violent. This was the first time one of his events had turned violent.
	Delivered "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech.
	King announces that the Poor People's Campaign will culminate in a March on Washington demanding a \$12 billion Economic Bill of Rights guaranteeing employment to the able-bodied, income to those unable to work, and an end to housing discrimination.
<b>1968</b>	At sunset on April 4, Martin Luther King, Jr. is fatally shot while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee.
	There are riots and disturbances in 130 American cities. There were twenty thousand arrests. King's funeral on April 9 is an international event. Within a week of the assassination, the Open Housing Act is passed by Congress.
<b>1986</b>	On November 2, a national holiday is proclaimed in King's honour.



# Stanford

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute

{<https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/>}

Building upon the achievements of Stanford University's Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project, the King Institute supports a broad range of educational activities illuminating Dr King's life and the movements he inspired.



In 2005, with an initial \$1 million endowment pledge from Hall of Fame football star [Ronnie Lott](#) and his [All Stars Helping](#)

[Kids](#) organization, Dr. Clayborne Carson founded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute to provide a permanent financial base for the King Papers Project and a broad range of other educational activities.

The Institute also received a substantial endowment gift from The Mumford Family/Agape Foundation. It is seeking additional endowment support to ensure that its efforts to disseminate King's visionary ideas will continue in perpetuity.

### The King Institute's current programs include:

Completion of the definitive, multi-volume edition of The Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr.:

Publication of other books intended for general and scholarly audiences;

The Liberation Curriculum educational initiative, which produces curriculum materials and lesson plans as well as



conducts teacher development workshops encouraging the use of the Papers Project's online documentary materials;

Scholar/writer-in-residence program for invited experts who can benefit from access to the Institute's unique research resources and contribute to public understanding of King's historical significance;

King conferences and symposia, as well as other public events designed to enhance understanding of King's life, ideas, and legacy.



## Achievements/Contributions

Martin Luther King Jr. was an important leader in American history. He did a lot more than just lead marches and give famous speeches during the Civil Rights Movement. King was smart in how he pushed for laws on civil rights and was one of the first to use peaceful protests to make big changes.

His 'I Have a Dream' speech is still important today because it shows how he helped guide America's sense of right and wrong. When we look closely at all that King did, we see his efforts to fight against poverty and how he helped start movements for human rights around the world.

It's important to think about the less obvious parts of King's work to really understand today's fights for social justice. His work makes us ask how we can better understand social justice movements now. By using examples from his life, we can see how King's ideas still help us in our efforts for fairness and equality today.

## Championing Civil Rights Legislation

Martin Luther King Jr. worked very hard for equal rights for all races. He was very important in helping to create and support big changes in laws during the 1950s and 1960s in America. He led the Civil Rights Movement, which made people really think about and want to change the unfair laws. King taught people to protest without violence, and this approach helped to bring about the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. These laws were made to stop the unfair separation of races (called segregation) and to make sure everyone could vote without discrimination.

King was great at speaking and convincing people to support these changes. He showed why it was so important to change the laws that were unfair, called Jim Crow laws. Because of his hard work, those bad laws were taken away, which really changed America's society and politics.

For example, when black Americans were not allowed to sit in certain places on a bus, King spoke up. He organized protests like the famous Montgomery Bus Boycott. These actions showed how unfair the rules were and helped change them. He always encouraged peaceful protests, even when it was hard. Because of King, more people understood why these changes were needed, and they worked together to make them happen.

## Advancing Nonviolent Activism

Martin Luther King Jr. played a key role in shaping how people protest in America by consistently choosing peaceful ways to fight for civil rights. He didn't pick nonviolence just because it was the right thing to do; he did it because it worked.

He saw that calm and organized protests could show how unfair the other side was, without having to fight them. King was inspired by Mahatma Gandhi and his idea of satyagraha, which is about using truth

and love to make a difference in society. By teaching others to protest without violence, King made sure their cause stayed just and gained a lot of support.

Today, King's approach to peaceful protest is a major influence on groups trying to make the world better, proving that you don't have to be violent to create real and lasting change.

## Inspiring the 'I Have a Dream' Vision

Martin Luther King Jr. was known for his peaceful civil rights activism. His famous speech, 'I Have a Dream,' outlined his hope for a world without racial segregation and unfair treatment. He gave this powerful speech in 1963 during a big march in Washington D.C. that was about getting jobs and freedom for everyone.

This speech was really important because it shared the goals of the Civil Rights Movement in a way that everyone could relate to, focusing on freedom and equality that America is supposed to be about. King's strong words and his belief in what was right encouraged the whole country to imagine a better future where people weren't separated by race. He spoke at the Lincoln Memorial, which was especially meaningful because President Lincoln had fought for the end of slavery. King's speech is still important today and encourages people all over the world to keep working for fairness.

In his speech, King didn't just talk about dreams; he pointed out real issues like how African Americans were still not free 100 years after slavery ended. This made it clear why change was necessary. His speech was not only beautiful but also made people feel something. King chose his words carefully to make sure his message was strong and clear. We can learn from his approach to talking about serious issues in a way that gets to the heart of why they matter. His message is timeless and continues to motivate people who want to make society better.

## Combating Economic Inequality

Martin Luther King Jr. didn't just stand up against racism; he also worked hard to fix the gap between rich and poor people. He knew that money problems and racial discrimination were linked.

King took part in the Poor People's Campaign to help everyone who was poor, no matter their race. He saw that the way money and jobs were handed out wasn't fair to not just Black people, but to white people without much money, Latinos, Asians, and Native Americans too.

King believed we needed big changes in how wealth is shared to make things fair. He used peaceful protests and powerful speeches to call for new government actions. These included creating more jobs, building better housing, and making sure everyone got paid fairly.

King thought that fixing money issues was a key part of achieving real fairness for all.

## Influencing Global Human Rights

Martin Luther King Jr. didn't just fight against economic inequality; he also worked hard for human rights all over the world. His ideas influenced people and movements in different countries. King taught that peaceful protest and standing up against unfair treatment were the best ways to make change. He learned from Gandhi and Thoreau, and this helped him guide others who wanted to fight injustice.

King spoke out against countries taking over others and supported the idea that nations in Africa and Asia should be able to govern themselves. His speeches and essays shared a powerful message about fairness and justice that people around the world could relate to. This helped different groups fighting for their rights to feel connected. King's impact on human rights is still felt today. It shows how all efforts to gain respect and equality are linked.



King was a leader who showed by example how to resist unfairness without violence. This approach is still used by activists everywhere. For instance, peaceful marches and boycotts that we see today are directly influenced by King's methods. His work is a reminder that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and to have the same opportunities.

His legacy teaches us that no matter where we are, we should all work together for a better world.

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## Some important Web Links

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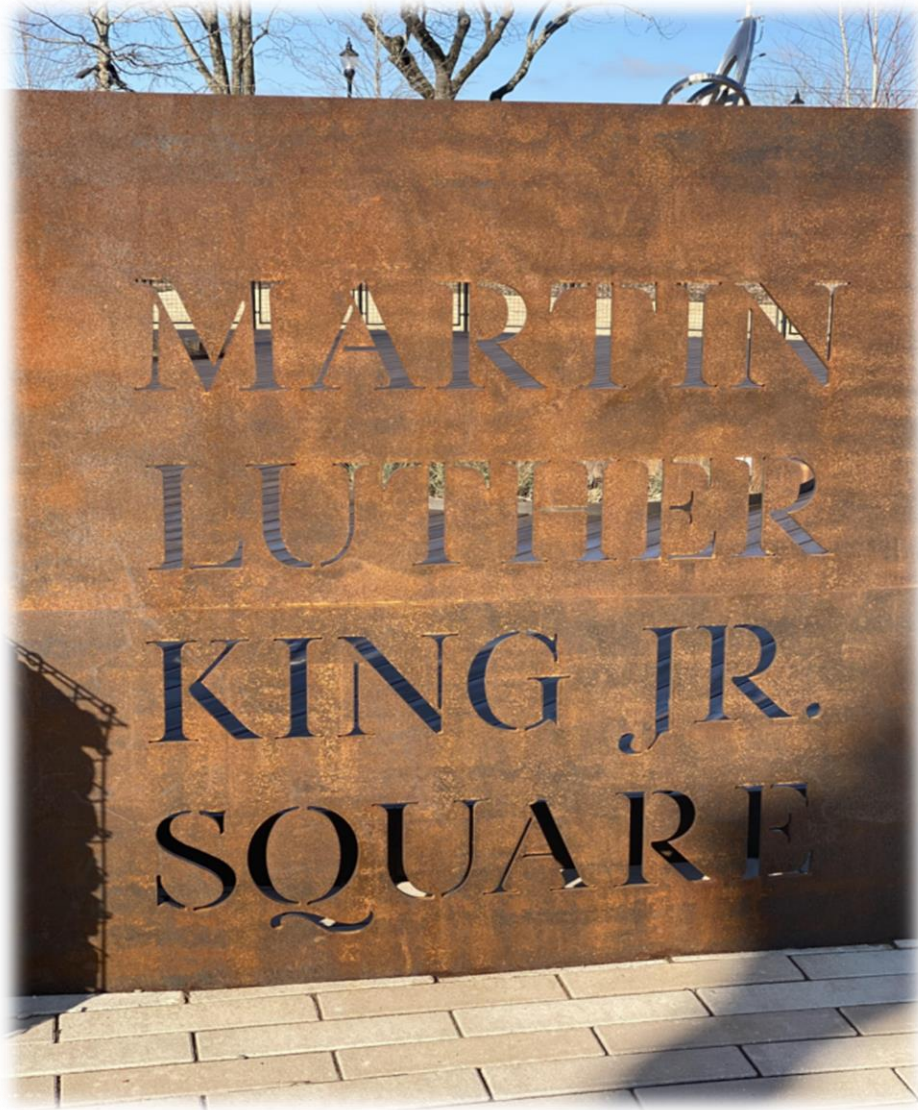
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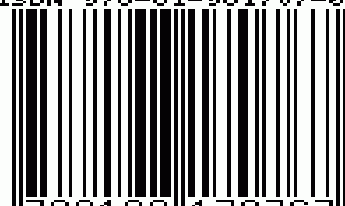


The recently opened *Martin Luther King Jr. Square* in downtown Conway, Arkansas, transforms a former brownfield site plagued by flooding into a lively stormwater park and cultural asset for the city.

In the northwest corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Square, generous green terraces supported by Hackett stone walls create amphitheater seating for a soft performance space with a heritage oak tree forming a green proscenium for the stage. The northern permeable plaza, formed from site-recycled concrete 'flagstones' and decomposed granite, offers intimate seating beneath an increased tree canopy of stately red maples and black gums. Along the eastern rain gardens, a permeable crushed aggregate terrace offers an educational platform for students to gather and observe the water quality systems in action. Educational opportunities are further enhanced by the four environmental graphic boards throughout the park emphasizing watershed stewardship and low impact design elements found in the park. The project also includes workshops, videos, and informational graphics to help educate the public about water quality.



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